



Habitat Management **PRESCRIBED FIRE**

WHAT TO EXPECT

WHAT

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge has used prescribed fire as a habitat management tool since 2018.

WHO

Prescribed fires are conducted by well-trained specialists who ensure that firefighter and public safety needs are met, and that the fire meets the Refuge's objectives.

WHY

We use prescribed fires in several pastures on the Bachelor Island Unit of the Refuge to reduce thatch, control weeds like tansy ragwort and reed canary grass, and encourage the growth of young grass shoots that geese, Sandhill cranes, and Columbian white-tailed deer prefer.

WHEN

The Refuge is proposing to burn up to 80 acres over a one or two day period between September 27th and October 4th.

The Auto Tour Route and hiking trails will be open as usual. It will not affect Birdfest (Oct 5th).



Questions?
360-921-2116

Recreation Fee Program



FALL FREE DAYS

Mark your calendars! Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge has 5 remaining fee-free days for 2024. Enjoy your visit!

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SEPTEMBER

Celebrate National Public Lands Day by visiting the refuge or another federal land.

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OCTOBER

The Birdfest & Bluegrass Festival brings the Refuge to life. Enjoy the festivities on the 5th or visit the 6th for a quieter day on the Refuge, with no fee.

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OCTOBER

In celebration of the beginning of National Wildlife Refuge Week, enjoy free entrance to all refuges nation-wide!

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NOVEMBER

In honor of all who have served, we offer free entrance on Veterans' Day.

QUESTIONS?
REFUGE OFFICE: 360-887-4106